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I am writing in reference to Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food"

Irradiated food should be labeled with that information for the simple reason that the future may bring many new technologies for food preservation and we should reserve the other labels for those processes. Most people who are not of a scientific persuasion will not understand what irradiation means. In addition to the label stating, This food has been irradiated to prevent food borne illness, I would suggest that the label say something about the changes to the texture and storage characteristics.

Thank you for taking my suggestion into consideration,

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